

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-11 and 14-15 remain in this application. Claims 3-4, 8-9, 12-13 and 16-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-11 and 14-15 have been corrected and/or amended to address objections raised by the Examiner or to better claim aspects disclosed in the original specification and drawings. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 2-17, 19 and 20 are objected to because of certain informalities. Claims 3-4, 8-9, 12-13 and 19-20 have been cancelled in this amendment. Claims 2, 5-7, 10-11 and 14-15 have been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections.

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended in this amendment to better recite the structural connections between the housing, support member and housing. These structural connections are fully disclosed in the original specification and drawings (see, e.g., paragraphs [0011] (as amended by the Preliminary Amendment) and FIG. 2). No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Borsuk* (USPN 4496213), and claims 2, 7, 10-12, and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Borsuk*. As further explained below, these rejections are moot in view of the further amendments to the claims.

The Examiner indicated that claims 4, 9, 13 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To minimize the renumbering of claims

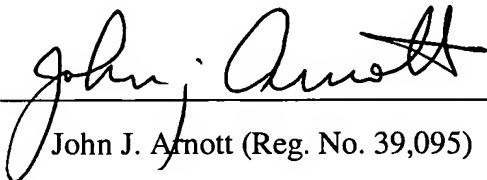
required, in this amendment Applicant has rewritten claim 1 to include all of the limitations of original claims 1, 3 and 4, and has rewritten claim 10 to include all of the limitations of original claims 10, 12 and 13. Thus, independent claims 1 and 10, as amended, are allowable since they include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims for original claims 4 and 13, respectively. As indicated above, Applicant has cancelled claims 3-4, 8-9, 12-13 and 16-20. The remaining claims 2, 5-7, 11 and 14-15, as amended, all depend from the allowable claims 1 and 10, and thus are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated May 28, 2004. Applicant has addressed each issue raised by the examiner. It is respectfully requested that the application be allowed to proceed to substantive examination.

Applicant is filing concurrently herewith: 1) a *Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)* with the required fee; and 2) an *Information Disclosure Statement* pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) with the required fee.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims pending in the application. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/FBSI-26,582 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
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